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In re the Application of Bowles, et al.

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Title: Method for Unpatterned Resist Etch Back of Shallow

Trench Isolation Refill Insulator

Amendment-B Under 37 CFR 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Responsive to Examiner's Office Action dated December 19, 2002, Applicants reply as follows: